# A COPIE OF THAT LETTER

Mentioned in a Letter printed *July* 12. written out of *Lancaſhire.*

Which was ſent in the name of the Army by two Souldiers, to the Souldiery of *Lancaſhire*, to invite and draw them in to adhere to the Army.

Together with a Poſtſcript.

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MATTH. 23. 15.

*VVoe unto you Scribes and Phariſees, hypocrites, for ye compaſſe ſea and land, to make one Proſelyte, and when he is made, ye make him two fold more the childe of hell then your ſelves.*

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Printed in the yeere, 1647.

# A Copy of that Letter, mentioned in a Letter printed *July* 12. written out of *Lancaſhire*, &c.

*Honoured friends and fellow Souldiers:*

WE doubt not but various reports of this Armies proceedings, are come to your eares, which may beget ſtrange interpretations of us and our actions; for prevention whereof, as alſo (to unfold our real intentions unto you) we have here indeavoured to poſſeſſe you with the truth, and right underſtanding of us.

We are very ſenſible how ready your envious and malitious are to ſuggeſt evill of us undeſervedly, and to blow up the coales of diſcention betwixt the Parliament and this Army, by miſ-repreſenting all our proceedings, though never ſo juſt, modeſt, and humble; as witneſſe the harſh, and indeed unjuſt proceedings lately againſt us, for no other thing, then intending to preſent our neceſſary requeſts to our Generall by way of Petition, which (though but intended) ſo highly croſſed the

ſpirit of ſome, as ye prevailed to have us declared againſt as enemies to the State; which dealing of theirs is nothing correſpondent with our deſerts, or ſuitable to the nature of our Petition; and therefore may (if ſuch ambitious men continue in their as yet uncontrollable power) equally extend both to you and any other Members of this Kingdom, with the abſolute loſſe of their Rights and Priviledges which were doubly his, *viz.* both by birth and conqueſt: And as at firſt you and we took up Armes to free our ſelves from Tyranny and Oppreſſion; ſo we doubt not but you reſolve to perſevere with us in our humble deſires of Juſtice and equity, the impartiall adminiſtration whereof is without doubt, eſſentiall to this Kingdoms happineſſe.

Friends, we hope our diligence and faithfulneſſe in the late ſervice, are ſufficient evidence of our cordiall affections to this Kingdomes welfare, they which we ſo much tender beyond all other Relations, as that we could willingly deny our own particulars for a happy and peaceable ſettlement thereof, that the Subjects might freely injoy their proper Rights, without ſuch apparent checks of Tyranny and Oppreſſion, as this poore Kingdome at preſent is more ſubject to then ever. Our humble addreſſes have been ſlighted and rejected (though reaſonable) and had no other anſwer then a Vote to disband the Army, with an inconſiderable ſum of eight weeks pay; not ſufficient to maintaine the private Souldiers in their journeyes home, which ſo diſcontented them, as that at the Generall Rendezvouze

dezvouze the Army contracted and ingaged not to be disbandrd or divided, but intirely to preſerve themſelves from ſuch diſtractions as appeared to be plotting againſt us by our malitious Enemies: And if an Army whoſe faithfulneſſe hath been ſealed with their blood, ſhall be ſo ſlighted, as to be declared Enemies whileſt they have Armes in their hands, for onely intending an humble addreſſe by Petition, for but what is their due, and no more then was frequently promiſed at their firſt ingagement; what may not be done againſt them when they ſhall be disbanded, and ſo diſperſed one from another, we leave you and the whole wotld to judge; eſpecially when thoſe men remaining in the ſame Power and Authority, who firſt miſ-repreſented our intentions to the Parliament, and who begot that undeſerved brand upon us, of being Enemies, ſo that neither we nor the Kingdom can injoy freely peace and juſtice, when ſuch unjuſt men ſhall be Judges ſtill, having the liberty to perſiſt in their indeavours, to ſet diviſion betwixt us and the Parliament and Kingdome, by their raiſing ſcandals upon us, and ſo farre as ye can to ingage the City of *London* and Kingdom of *Scotland* againſt us.

And leaſt that you upon miſ-information ſhould be induced to ſtrengthen the hands of theſe Incendiaries againſt this Army, whereby they may be better inabled to tread Juſtice under foot, nd advance their own unjuſt proceedings; We hold it our Duty, as members of one and the ſame Kingdome with you, to let you underſtand both

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of our juſt proceeding, and their violent intentions, and we doubt not but as hitherto you have appeared publike friends in this Kingdoms diſtreſſe, ſo you will now demonſtrate your ſelves faithfull members thereof, in endeavouring its preſervation from a tyranny and oppreſſion, truſting your fidelity to the Publike good is ſuch as neither the frownes, favours, nor ſubtill policies of any whomſoever can move you from your former acknowledged ſtedfaſtneſſe, ſo as to ingage with the *Scots*, or any other forces againſt the Army, whereby to imbroyle this now poore Kingdome in a new and bloody warre, whoſe former glory hath been terrour and amazement to its neighbours and other forraigne parts; ſo hoping God will direct you in improving your utmoſt endeavours and abilities for the uſe of the Publike, which if not looked to will be made ſub-ſerviant to the private intereſts and deſignes of particular men, who intend to raiſe themſelves by its owne ruine, which we in our places (and we hope you in yours) will endeavour to keepe off; and to that end the Lord direct you; ſo we bid you heartily farewell, reſting yours and the Kingdomes faithfull friends and ſervants, agitating in behalfe of the Army.

We have ſent you herewith the Declarations of the Army, more fully to ſatisfie you of our intentions, with other Papers.

*Hdw. Siegeby*, *John Taylor*, Generalls Regiment of Horſe.

*William Allin*, *Sam. Whiting*, Lieutenant Generall *Cromwells* Regiment.

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*Anth. Nichſon, Tho. Shepheard,* Commiſſ. Generalls Regiment.

*William Jones,* Col. *Fleetwoods* Regiment.

*Nich. Lorkins, Jo. Brachan,* Col. *Rich* his Regiment.

*Jo. Willoughby, Tobias Cox,* Col. *Nortons* Regiment.

*Edw. Sterr, Edw. Githings,* Col. *Harris* Regiment.

*Burton Wilcock, Rich. Clarke,* Col. *Tomlinſons* Regiment.

*Rich. Salter, Geo. Stephenſon,* Col. *Scroopes* Regiment.

*Jo. Wilſon, Nath. Scuſter,* Col. *Roſtors* Regiment.

*Daniel Abot* Major, *Iohn Carler, Iohn Cleack, Edm. Rolph, Alex. Brafield, Hen. Audley, Amos Stoddard, Edw. Twigg,* Captaines.

## Foot Regiments.

*Io. Newſon, Edw. Vahan,* Col. *Gerands* Regiment.

*Nath. Forgill, VVill. Bridgeman,* Col. *Hamonds* Regiment.

*Iohn Millers, Rich. Coulbrand,* Col. *Lambards* Regiment.

*Robert Maſon, Hen. Anderton,* Col. *VVhalers* Regiment.

*Iohn Field, Edw. Swalbie,* Col. *Lilburnes* Regiment.

*Rich. Andrewes, Ra. Prentice,* Col. *Prides* Regiment.

*Edw. Garner,* Col. *Hughſons* Regiment.

## A Poſtſcript, ſhewing what ſucceſſe this Letter from the Army had among the Souldery in Lancaſhire.

THe generall Committee of our County, and all the Commanders had a meeting this week, the Commanders generally have declared their well affection to the Parliament, and have expreſt themſelves in high Language to one of the Troopers that came from the Army in diſlike of his courſe.

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